

## PREVIEW

# The Minister's Black Veil

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**Summary** The parson, Mr. Hooper, arrives at church wearing a black veil over his face. He wears the veil without explanation through his sermon, through the following sermon, and then through a funeral and a wedding. The congregation whispers among themselves. They fear the veil. Only Mr. Hooper's fiancée has the courage to ask him why he wears the veil. She does not understand the answer and leaves him. Mr. Hooper wears the veil for the rest of his life. In fact, he offers no other explanation for it until his death.



## Note-taking Guide

Use this character wheel to record information about Reverend Hooper.

